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PART IV.

Legislative Measures and Rules thereunder.

NOTIFICATION.

No. L. 10200—*M. L.* 145-39-20, *dated Bangalore the 6th June* 1940.

The following draft amendments which are proposed to be made by Government in the revised rules regulating the supply of water in Bangalore City issued with Notification No. L. 2153—Ml. 105-34-9, dated 26th August 1939, in exercise of the powers vested in them under Section 228 of the Mysore City Municipalities Act, 1933, as amended from time to time, are published under sub-section (4) of the said section for the information of all persons interested. Any objections or suggestions must be preferred within a fortnight from the date of the publication of this notification in the *Mysore Gazette*, after which they will not be taken into consideration by Government.

I. Rule 51 will be modified as follows:—

"Any consumer who, during the period to which the meter reading relates, has used water in excess of the free allowance shall pay for such excess at the rate of rupee one per 1,000 gallons. Fractions of 1,000 gallons shall not be recorded on meter cards but will be carried forward for the next reading."

II. Rule 53 will be modified as hereunder:—

"The excess water charges, meter rent and other charges due under these rules shall be paid within fifteen days from the date of the bill at the office of the authorised officer, on bills which shall be sent to the party within five days from the date of meter reading."

"If bills are not received within five days from the date of reading, the party may obtain duplicate bills from the Supply Office to enable him to make payment within the due date."

"Non-receipt of bills shall not be accepted as excuse for delay in payment. Payments should invariably be made in cash, money orders or postal orders, but cheques for amounts not less than Re. 1 drawn on local banks, such as the Imperial Bank of India, the Mysore Bank, Co-operative Banks and Societies, shall be accepted in payment of the dues."

Disconnection and Reconnection of service.

"On failure of payment, within the due date, the Department reserves the right to cut off water-supply to the premises and connection will be restored only on receipt of the amount due along with a penalty of rupee one in such cases.

"This penalty will not be charged if disconnection is made at the request of the consumer, subject to the condition that all the dues up to the date of disconnection are paid up on or before the due date.

"Disconnection may not generally be made when the arrears due from any installation is less than rupee one, provided such arrears are paid up before the next quarterly bill is preferred.

"As mistakes are likely to occur in crediting the receipt to the proper ledger account and giving room for disconnection of service in such cases, notwithstanding such payments being made by the concerned parties, the

consumers are advised to produce receipts for payments, or alternatively, postal money order receipts or counterfoils of cheques when asked for by the officials of the Department who have been directed to effect disconnection of service, in cases of default in payment.

"No disconnection shall be made without first asking for the voucher in support of the payments made."

III. The following will be inserted as Rule 63-A:—

"In cases where wastage of water is due to leaky pipes, the party may be charged at a concessional rate of 8 annas per 1,000 gallons for such loss, the quantity being calculated as the difference between the actual consumption and the average consumption of the previous six months or the free allowance the premises are entitled to, whichever is greater."

IV. The undermentioned clause will be added as clause (i) under Rule 64:—

"In case the occupier of the premises does not give proper protection to meter readers from any injury being caused by animals such as dogs, etc."

By Order,

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